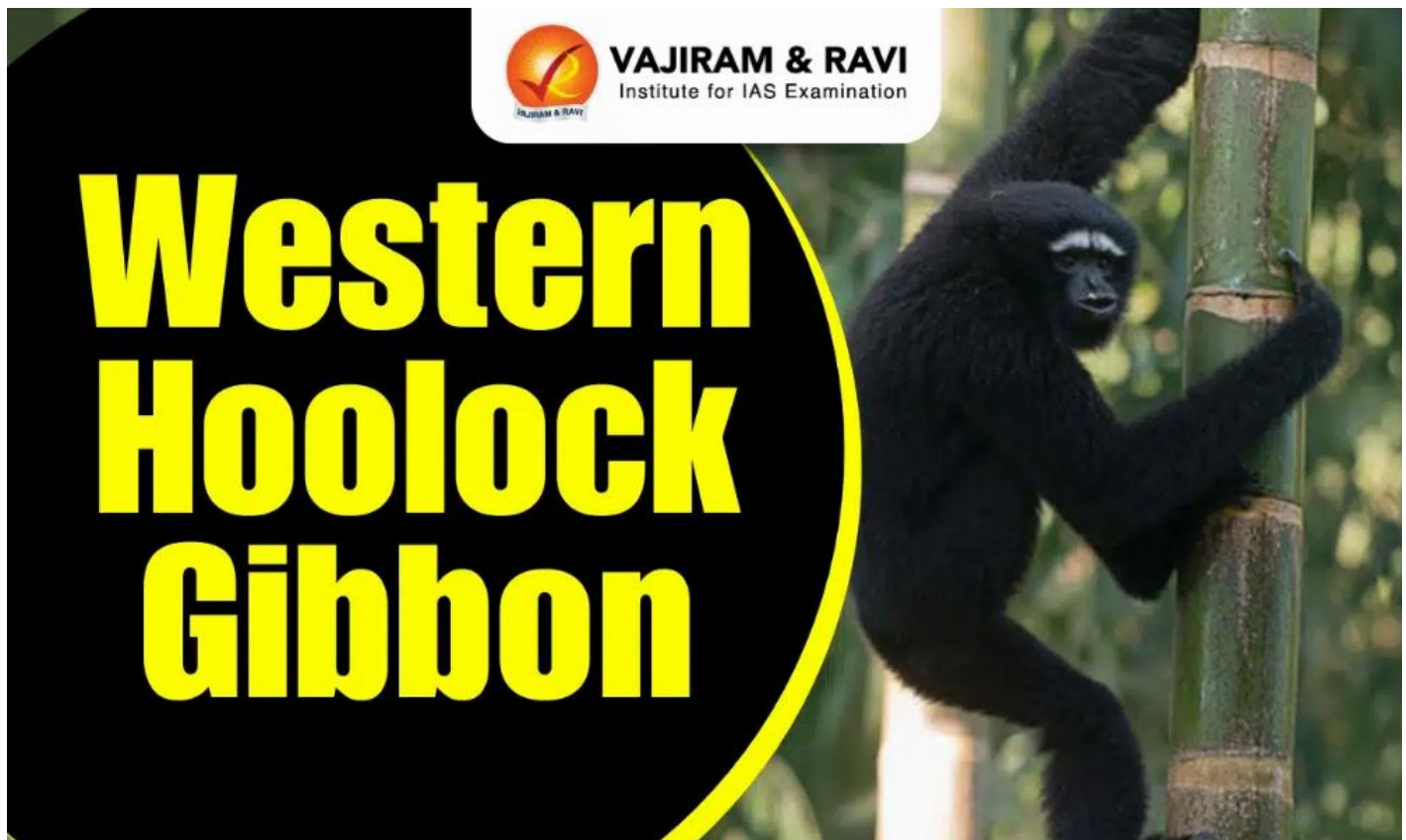


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In a first, a male Western Hoolock Gibbon housed in the Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary in Assam's Jorhat district crossed the canopy bridges installed over a railway line passing through the sanctuary.

About Western Hoolock Gibbon

- It is the **smallest and fastest of all apes**.
- **Habitat:** It is found in a range of forest types, from **moist deciduous to evergreen**, sub-tropical to lowland.
- **Distribution:** It is found in all the states of the north-east, restricted between the **south of the Brahmaputra river and east of the Dibang river**. Outside India, it is found in **Bangladesh and Myanmar**.
- **Characteristics of Western Hoolock Gibbon**
 - They are **diurnal and arboreal, brachiating** through the trees with their long arms.
 - They are **monogamous** (same partner throughout life).

- They live in small families and communicate with other gibbons by vocalisation.
- **Life span:** 25 years.
- **Threats:** Habitat destruction illegal logging presented the greatest threat.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN:** Endangered
 - **Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972:** Schedule I

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